

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Kazuhiro FUJIMAKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1752
Application No.: 09/932,975) Examiner: Barbara Gilliam
Filed: August 21, 2001	Confirmation No.: 6820
For: IMAGE RECORDING MATERIAL)

RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Official Action mailed February 25, 2004, the Examiner raised a single "obviousness-type" double patenting rejection over certain claims of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/223,700 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,566,035. The '700 application has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,702,437 B2. Therefore, to advance the prosecution in this application, provided herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent issuing on the present application that would extend beyond the statutory term of the '437 patent. In addition, applicants are concurrently submitting a Third Information Disclosure Statement which identifies the documents which appear on the face of the '437 patent. In this respect, applicants also note that a Second Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 26, 2004, and applicants request that the Examiner also consider and acknowledge the documents identified in that Statement as well.

Since all matters raised in the Action have been met by the instant response, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Docket Number (Optional) 003510-110

In re Patent Application of: Kazuhiro FUJIMAKI et al.

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of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,702,437 . The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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2. The undersigned is an attorney or agent of record.

Signature

May 25, 2004

Date

Robert G. Mukai

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Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) is included.

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.				
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.				
×	A Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\infty\$\$ \$55.00 (2814) \$\infty\$\$ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. \(\) 1.20(d) are also enclosed.				
X	Also enclosed is/are a Third Information Disclosure Statement.				
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
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	\$385.00 (2801) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).				
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.				
	Applicant(s) previously submitted				
	for which continued examination is requested.				
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.				
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.				

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	An additional claim	fee is required,	and is calculated	as shown below.
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AMENDED CLAIMS						
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Total Claims	20	MINUS	20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS	6 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
f Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)						
Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$ 0.00			
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$ 0.00			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL	TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$ (\$ 0.00	

X	A check in the amount of	of \$290.00	is enclosed for the fee due.
	Charge	to Deposit Acc	ount No. 02-4800.
	Charge	to credit card.	Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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